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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. VOLKER HAUFF, FRG STATE

SECRETARY FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF DR.
VOLKER HAUFF:

A. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: HAUFF, WHO LISTS HIS
PROFESSION AS POLITICAL ECONOMIST, WAS BORN
ON AUGUST 9, 1940, IN BACKNANG, BADEN-
WUERTTEMBERG (B-W). HE ATTENDED ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND HIGH SCHOOL FOR
ECONOMICS IN ESSLINGEN AM NECKAR, B-W. IN
1959 HE BEGAN THE STUDY OF ECONOMICS AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES AT THE FREE UNIVERSITY OF
BERLIN AND WAS AWARDED HIS DOCTORATE IN
1966. DURING THIS PERIOD HE ALSO RECEIVED
TRAINING IN DATA PROCESSING, AND
SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME AN EMPLOYEE OF IBM

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DEUTSCHLAND (BASED IN STUTTGART) WITH WHICH

HE WAS CONNECTED UNTIL DECEMBER 1972. HE IS
A MEMBER OF IG METAL (A FRG LABOR UNION). HE
HAS HAD NO MILITARY EXPERIENCE.

DR. HAUFF HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE SPD SINCE
1959 AND A MEMBER OF THE LOWER HOUSE OF THE
FRG PARLIAMENT (BUNDESTAG) SINCE 1969
(HAVING BEEN DIRECTLY ELECTED TWICE BY HIS
CONSTITUENCY IN ESSLINGEN). HIS POLITICAL
ORIENTATION IS CENTER-LEFT. SINCE DECEMBER
1972 HE HAS SERVED AS PARLIAMENTARY STATE
SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH AND
TECHNOLOGY.

DR. HAUFF IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.
HE MADE A SHORT VISIT TO THE US IN 1970 TO
ATTEND THE CONFERENCE ON CITIES. HE ALSO
STUDIED COMPUTER USE IN CITY ADMINISTRATION
IN NEW YORK, ANN ARBOR, WILLOW RUN, SAN
FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, WASHINGTON, D.C.,
ENDING WITH A CALL AT IBM IN NEW YORK. HIS
ENGLISH CAPABILITY IS ADEQUATE FOR
INDIVIDUAL TRAVEL. END UNCLASSIFIED

B. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: EMBASSY
COMMENT:
IN HIS CAPACITY AS PARLIAMENTARY STATE
SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY FOR RESEARCH
AND TECHNOLOGY (THE SECOND RANKING
POSITION IN THE MINISTRY), DR. HAUFF
BEARS IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR
LEGISLATION AFFECTING ALLOCATIONS FOR
TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT IN GERMANY AND HAS

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EARNED A REPUTATION AS A WELL-INFORMED
TECHNOCRAT. HIS POSITION REQUIRES THAT HE
PLAY A POLITICAL ROLE AS A VISIBLE AND
QUOTABLE SPOKESMAN FOR RESEARCH AND
TECHNOLOGY. HAUFF'S ACTIVITIES IN THIS
REGARD, IN CONCERT WITH THOSE OF THE
RESEARCH MINISTER, HANS MATTHOEFER, WHO
SEEKS PUBLICITY MORE THAN HIS PREDECESSORS,
HAVE ENDEAVORED TO PUT THE MINISTRY MORE
IN THE PUBLIC LIMELIGHT.

WITHIN THE SPD, HAUFF HAS BEEN ASSOCIATED
WITH A B-W GROUP KNOWN AS THE "TUEBINGER
KREIS." THE GROUP IS A WEST-ORIENTED (BUT
NOT UNCITICAL) CIRCLE WHICH HAS PROVIDED
A VALUABLE FORUM FOR YOUTHFUL DEMOCRATIC
"LEFTISTS" INSIDE THE LOCAL PARTY. THE
"KREIS" HAS ALSO PROVIDED A BRIDGE AND
COMMUNICATION CHANNEL BETWEEN THE JUSOS
AND THE PARTY ESTABLISHMENT IN B-W. THE
LAST BUNDESTAG ELECTIONS SENT A LARGE

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NUMBER OF "KREIS" MEMBERS TO BONN AND THE
GROUP HAS AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE IN THE
LOCAL SPD.

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